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## PLANT MAPS LONG-TERM CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; ACCELERATE BUILDING MATERIALS OUTPUT

SLATE LONG-TERM PROJECTS FOR BAU-UNION -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 26, 1 Apr 50

The people-owned Bau-Union, Building Association in Schwerin has received orders amounting to 56 million Deutsche marks for 1950. The plant, which has 5,000 employees at present, will construct fish-processing plants in Rostock and Sassnitz. The work is to be completed within 5 years, at a total cost of 80 million Deutsche marks.

Other large long-term construction orders include a dam across the Weida valley near Gera, the Elster reservoir near Greiz, construction work for the people-owned Wismar shipyard, for which 8 million Deutsche marks have been earmarked, and projects for 13 other shipyards in Mecklenburg. The Bau-Union plant will also build a hydroelectric power plant on Meldeweger Lake. In addition, it has orders for bridge, road, and railroad construction in Mecklen-

STEP UP GYPSUM SLAG CEMENT PRODUCTION -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 35, 10 May 50

Following the example of Maxhuette in Unterwellenborn, the people-owned Bad Berka Plant near Weimar will soon start production of gypsum slag cement, a type which is new in Germany. The standard resistance of this cement, which at present is 225 kilograms per square meter, is to be increased to 325 kilograms per square meter, the standard for Portland cement.

Gypsum slag cement is superior to Portland cement in greater resistance to corrosive liquids, and in generating less heat during the setting process. The production of gypsum slag cement requires only one-eighth as much coal as the production of Portland cement.

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HIKE CONCRETE BUILDING BLOCK OUTPUT -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No  $3^{l_{1}}$ , 6 May 50

The Magdeburg Concrete Plant soon will receive another machine for producing hollow building blocks automatically and will then be able to produce 900,000 hollow concrete building blocks annually. The plant also produces concrete beams for public and residential buildings.

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